

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment submitted after allowance of the claims, Applicants request that dependent claims 4 and 7 be amended to correct typographical errors (not for patentability). As discussed below, the amendments to dependent claims 4 and 7 do not affect patentability or otherwise touch the merits of this application but merely correct obvious errors in the claims. Applicants accordingly request that the amendments be entered.

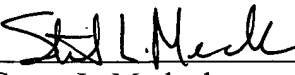
More specifically, in originally filed claim 4, the continuity test was mistakenly described as performed on a signal path between a signal generator and the probe card. The continuity test is, however, performed on a signal path in the probe card. An example is shown in Figure 7. As described in paragraph [0042], the continuity test is performed not on the signal path between signal generator 505 and the probe card 156 but on a signal path in the probe card (e.g., between a probe 164 and a pogo pad 301).

Similarly, in originally filed claim 7, the signal path whose impedance is measured was mistakenly described as a signal path between a signal generator and the probe card. The signal path whose impedance is measured, however, is a signal path in the probe card. An example is also shown in Figure 7. As described in paragraph [0044], it is not a signal path between signal generator 505 and the probe card 156 whose impedance is measured but a signal path in the probe card (e.g., between a probe 164 and a pogo pad 301).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant request that the amendments to claims 4 and 7 be entered, the issue fee accepted, and the application passed to allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicant's attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (925) 290-4028.

Respectfully submitted,

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